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# FSIS NOTICE

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## FOOD DEFENSE SAMPLING FOR THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

This notice announces that beginning the week of August 14, 2006, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) will coordinate with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) and Food and Nutrition Service to conduct a pilot program of food defense sampling for the National School Lunch Program. Under the pilot program, FSIS personnel will initially collect samples of fine ground beef that the Agency will test for threat agents. FSIS will sample product at official establishments and at warehouses located in the participating states of Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, and South Dakota. In the future, the Agencies may expand the pilot to address products in addition to fine ground beef.

For sampling at ground beef establishments, the Office of Field Operations will contact the FSIS inspection program personnel assigned to the establishments that are participating in the pilot and will give them instructions on how to collect the samples and on how to coordinate the sample collection with the plant and with AMS meat graders.

For sampling at warehouses, the Office of Program Evaluation, Enforcement, and Review Regional Offices will contact the FSIS program investigators who will collect samples at participating state warehouses and provide instructions on how to collect samples and on how to coordinate sample collection with the appropriate state agency.



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